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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Makoto HAZAMA

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For: METHOD OF SEQUENCE DETERMINATION FOR NUCLEIC ACID

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 26, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 26, 2003, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows, and that the rejection of record be reconsidered in view of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

A petition for a two-month extension of time for response and the corresponding fee are submitted with this paper.